IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

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PRETRIAL ORDER NO.

AND NOW, this day of July, 2004, it is hereby ORDERED that:

- (1) the motions of plaintiffs to remand in the 154 above-captioned actions are DENIED;
- (2) all defendants in the 154 above-captioned actions except Wyeth, Wyeth Pharmaceuticals, Inc., and A.H. Robins Company, Inc. are DISMISSED; and
- (3) the motions of defendant Jay C. Proctor to dismiss are DENIED as moot in the following actions: Blanchard v. Wyeth, et al., CIV.A. No. 04-20382 (E.D. Pa.); Bryant v. Wyeth, et al. CIV.A. No. 04-20370 (E.D. Pa.); Coudrain v. Wyeth, et al., CIV.A. No. 04-20346 (E.D. Pa.); and Hoffpauir v. Wyeth, et al., CIV.A. No. 04-20361 (E.D. Pa.);

The 154 complaints were originally filed by Texas citizens in the Texas state courts in or after May, 2003, more than five years after the diet drugs Pondimin and Redux were withdrawn from the market in September, 1997. The defendants include Wyeth, the manufacturer of these diet drugs, as well as

prescribing physicians, pharmacies, phentermine manufacturers, Wyeth's managerial employees Clayton Lacy and Frank Bedrick, and sales representatives of Wyeth and of a co-promoter, Interneuron, now known as Indevus. Some of the defendants, including Wyeth and its related companies, are of diverse citizenship while others are not. There are no federal claims. Wyeth timely removed the actions to the appropriate federal district courts in Texas. All of these cases were then transferred to this court as part of MDL 1203.

For the reasons set forth in Memorandum and Pretrial Order No. 3666 in Accadia, et al. v. Wyeth, et al., CIV.A. No. 03-20546 (E.D. Pa. June 29, 2004), we find and conclude that all defendants except Wyeth and its related companies are fraudulently joined to avoid federal subject matter jurisdiction. Accordingly, we are denying the motions to remand.

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BY THE COURT: